

Psalm 147 - Hallelujah Psalm: Praise for God's Provision

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A Hallelujah Psalm

1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant *and* praise is beautiful.

1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant *and* praise is becoming.

1 Hallelujah! It is good to sing praise to our God, and it is fitting to sing glorious praise.

1 Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

- This is yet future (the language is reminiscent of Ezek 39:28 for the return of the captives to Judah, and Neh 1:9)

-- The building of Jerusalem at the time of the regathering of Israel is the point of v2-3.

Because it is God who is rebuilding Jerusalem, it will be characterized by strength as well as peace (v12-14).

3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

3 He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their injuries.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

4 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

4 He keeps track of the number of stars, assigning names to all of them.

4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

5 Our Lord is great, and rich in power; his understanding has no limitation.

5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings the wicked down to the ground.

6 The LORD supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.

6 The LORD supports the afflicted while he casts the wicked to the ground.

6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre;

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre,

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving, and compose music to our God with the lyre.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 *It is* He who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass sprout on the mountains.

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who provides rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

8 He shields the heavens with clouds, preparing rain for the earth and making grass grow on the hills.

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 *It is* He who gives an animal its food, *And feeds* young ravens that cry.

9 He gives to the beast its food, *And to* the young ravens which cry.

9 He gives wild animals their food, including the young ravens when they cry.

9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.

10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.

10 He takes no delight in the strength of a horse, and gains no pleasure in the runner's swiftness.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His faithfulness.

11 The LORD favors those who fear Him, Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

11 But the LORD is pleased with those who fear him, with those who depend on his gracious love.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion!

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

12 Glorify the LORD, Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion!

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons among you.

13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you.

13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates, blessing your children within you.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.

14 He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.

14 He grants peace within your borders, satisfying you with the finest of wheat.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of wheat.

15 He sends His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.

15 He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.

15 He sends out his command to the earth, making his word go forth quickly.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He showers snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.

16 He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.

16 He supplies snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He hurls His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?

17 He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?

17 He casts down his ice crystals like bread fragments. Who can endure his freezing cold?

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sends His word and makes them melt; He makes His wind blow, and the waters flow.

18 He sends forth His word and melts them; He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.

18 He sends out his word and melts them. He makes his wind blow and the water flows.

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

19 He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.

19 He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.

19 He declares his words to Jacob, his statutes and decrees to Israel.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

- God made the Mosaic Covenant exclusively with Israel, not any other nation

20 He has not dealt this way with any *other* nation; And as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

20 He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

20 He has not dealt with any other nation like this; they never knew his decrees.

Hallelujah!"

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

- The nation of Israel is unique: they are the only nation in world history that God has made a covenant with

- God has an eternal purpose for them. We are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for the time that God will fulfill His promise to them.